(घ) क्या धौ-सरमथुरा लघुरोटर गेज लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में परिवर्तित करने की योजना के अंतर्गत लाया जाएगा, यदि हां तो कब तक ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) रेलों की अर्थक्षमता में सुधार लाने के उद्देश्य से परिचालन हानियों को न्यूनतम करने, टिकट जांच सहन करने अनिवार्य कर्मचारी को कम से कम तैनात करने जैसे उपाय निरन्तर किए जाते हैं।

(ख) जी हां, धौलपुर-सरमथुरा खण्ड क्षेत्र में पर्याप्त और सुविधाजनक सड़क परिवहन सुविधाएं उपलब्ध होने के कारण इस खण्ड में रेल सेवाएं कम लोकप्रिय हैं;

(ग) और (घ) आमान परिवर्तन की कार्य योजना के आगामीचरण में प्रस्तावित मार्ग के बारे में विचार किया जाएगा;

Conversion of Railway Line from Hissa to Bhiwani

2532. SHRI RAMJI LAI. : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to stale :

(a) whether Government have any pro posal under consideration to convert Hissar to Bhiwani railway line into a Board Gauge railway line;

(b) if so, by when the conversion work has been started on priority basis;

(c) whether it is a fact that Hissar has not been linked with the State Capital, Chandigarh, through a super fast train due to lack of a broad gauge line; and

(d) if so, by when the Bhiwani Super Last Train is likely to start via Hissar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) The Railway has been asked to study and furnish cost estimate and projection of traffic. Further action will depend on results of this study, and availability of resources in the coming- years.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Due to lack of traffic justification and resources.

Extension of Nauehandi Express Train upto Saharanpur

2533. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : WiU the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to extend the Nauchandi Express train, now running between Allahabad and Meerut, upto Saharanpur;

(b) whether any representations on behalf of the Meerut citizens and travelling public have been received by Government against this proposal; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) *:* (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Sullicient accommodation for passengers originating at Meerut will be provided on the train. Moreover, Sangam Express for Allahabad will continue to originate at Meerut.

Progress of conversion of Metre Gauge Line from Bangalorc-Arasikere Section

2534. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work relating to y the conversion of metre gauge line into broad gauge in respect of Bangalore-Arasikere section is under progress;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the programme for conversion of Arasikere-Miraj and Hospet-Hubli sections from metre gauge to broad gauge ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This 161 kms line is being converted to BG and is targetted for completion during 1992-93. Section will be progressively opened from Bangalore end.